

Education: *outweighs cost, majority of candidates say when quizzed*

Sixty percent of the candidates running for the position of Simcoe County Board of Education trustee who answered a survey said a trustee ought to be more concerned with improving the quality of education than controlling inflation when making budget decisions.

Sixteen of 30 candidates surveyed by the Simcoe County chapter of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation returned the survey.

Respondents

Seven of the respondents are incumbents; the other nine are seeking office.

A decrease in the size of the average class was favoured by 73 percent of respondents.

All agreed that all students should have equal access to facilities, such as gymnasiums and libraries, and programmes, such as music.

Nearly all, 85 percent, agreed that the general public and classroom teachers should be allowed to contribute to the making of board policy decisions.

Trustee

Ninety-three percent said trustees should visit schools to meet personnel and to familiarize themselves with programmes.

Teachers should be teachers rather than administrators and clerks, 76 percent said.

Respondents were almost equally divided between saying teachers could be freed to teach by cutting back the paperwork they must do, and saying they should be given assistance.

Slightly less than half said trustees should interview all qualified applicants for positions of responsibility.

Ninety-three percent agreed that the province should help boards of education to find better means of paying for

educational services than relying on property taxes.

Importance

Class size, declining

enrolment, and curriculum development were given equal importance. Each received 54 percent

approval. Equalization was given 45 percent. Professional Activity Days were given 10 percent.

The respondents ranked four areas of influence that would fall to them as trustees as follows: School program, 78 percent; public relations, 50 percent; awareness of public teachers, and ministry's voice, 35

percent; budget, 30 percent.

Public relations is the area needing most improvement, 75 percent said. Class and equalization comes next, with 56 percent. Taxes are last, say 37 percent.



Burkevale science fair winners

Pictured here are junior winners in Burkevale Protestant Separate School's Science Fair, held recently. These six winners won top honours for their projects, some of which are displayed for the camera. Beginning

with the first place winner moving to sixth place winner, the pupils are, from left to right: Jeff Quesnelle, Sean Farthing, Warren Rick, Susie Quesnelle, Anne Marie Piotrowski and Ian Sandy.

PPD report very quiet week

Penetanguishene Police Department report no major incidents over the course of the past week. Things in Penetanguishene have been quiet now for some time and Chief John Geere said that even the Hallowe'en night activities were very uneventful this year.

He mentioned that several automobiles had been marked up on "chalk night" in Penetanguishene, but other than the usual liquor offences and disturbance calls, things were very quiet.

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